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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8176

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

INFO AMCONSUL ASMARA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 1124

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E.O. 11652: GEY

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SUBJ: TENNECO FIVE

REF: KHARTOUM 1110 (NOTAL)

1. KHARTOUM EMBOFF MET WITH ABDEL WAHAB, DIRECTOR GOS SECURITY, MAY 22 TO PASS ON INFO RELATIVE CURRENT VISIT HERE BY TENNECO TEAM. ABDEL WAHAB COOPERATIVE AND APPRENTLY FAIRLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ELF ORGANIZATIONS AND FACTIONS. HE WAS GIVEN VERBAL SUMMARY OF MAIN ASPECTS OF PROBLEM TO DATE. HE WAS TOLD TENNECO REVEF WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF SUDANESE COULD FIND CHANNEL TO GROUP HOLDING HOSTAGES THROUGH WICH GROUP COULD BE RELIABLY INFORMED OF TENNECO'S DESIRE TO EXPEDITE RELEASE OF CAPTIVES AND THROUGH WHICH GROUP COULD RESPOND.

2. ABDEL WAHAB CONCURRED THAT ELF GROUP LIKELY UNDER CONTROL OF ELF/GC (ALTHOUGH ELF/PLF CLAIMING CONTROL OVER CAPTIVES). HE FELT THAT THERE WOULD BE POLITICAL DEMANDS FROM ELF/GC AND INDEED VOLUNTEERED HIS IMPRESSION THAT SUCH DEMANDS ALREADY TENDERED. IN THIS CONTEXT HE REFERRED TO ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN ROSE AL YUSSAF
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DAY OR TWO AGO CONTAINING REPORTED ELF POLITICAL

DEMANDS.

3. DIRECTOR SAID HE PREPARED CONTACT ELF/GC REP IN KASSALA AREA (WHICH TO BE ACCOMPLISHED MAY 22 OR 23) AND WHOULD CONVEY TO HIM TENNECO'S MESSAGE PER PARA ONE ABOVE. HE WOULD CONVEY ELF/GC REPLY AND DECIDE WHETHER DIRECT MEETING WITH TENNECO REPS DESIRABLE. IF SO, WOULD BRING ELF/GC REP KHARTOUM FOR PURPOSE.

4. ACCORDING DIRECTOR, IDRIS GLADYOS NOT IN SUDAN. OMAR HAJJ IDRIS NOT IN SAME LEAGUE AS GLADYOS AND ABDEL WAHAB NOT SURE OF IDRIS' WHEREABOUTS. GC MILITARY COMMANDER ABDULLAH IDRIS IN ERITREA COMMANDING GC UNIT AND IDRIS MOHAMED ADUM EITHER IN SYRIA OR EGYPT.

5. FOR CAIRO - APPRECIATE YOUR CABLING GIST ROSE AL YUSSUF ARTICLE TO ALL ADDRESSEES THIS MESSAGE.

6. FOR ADDIS - TENNECO REP HOPE PROCESS DESCRIBED PARA 3 WILL BE WELL UNDERWAY MAY 23. THEY PLAN RETURN ADDIS MAY 23 (ASSUMING FLYING CONDITIONS PERMIT) AND RETURN KHARTOUM WHENEVER GOS PUBLIC SECURITY MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO CONVEY.

7. TENNECO'S WILSON REQUESTS DEPARTMENT PASS FOREGOING TO TENNECO, HOUSTON.
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